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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9490

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 6043

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ATRN, LE, SY  
SUBJECT: MAIL RUN - NEED FOR SYRIAN ARMY DOCUMENTATION

REF: A. BEIRUT 7297, B. BEIRUT 7317

1. DATT CALLED PERSONALLY AT OFFICE OF RANKING OFFICER IN  
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE YESTERDAY TO REQUEST LAISSEZ-PASSEZ FOR  
EMBASSY DRIVERS. THE RESPONSE WAS FLAT NEGATIVE AND DATT SEES  
NO REASON FOR OPTIMISM THAT DECISION MAY BE REVERSED. MINDEF  
OFFICIAL DID, HOWEVER, PROMISE THAT GIVEN 24 HOURS NOTICE  
(LESS IN EMERGENCIES), SYRIAN GHQ WOULD INFORM REPEAT INFORM  
ITS FORCES IN LEBANON OF POUCH RUN. TO DO THIS, IT WOULD  
REQUIRE DATE AND TIMES OF PROPOSED TRIP, NAMES AND NATIONALI-  
TIES OF DRIVERS, AND ESCRIPTION AND LICENSE NUMBER OF  
VEHICLE TO BE USED.

2. IT WAS DEFENSE MINISTRY'S CONTENTION THAT ISSUANCE OF  
PERMITS ARE ENTIRELY IN HANDS OF, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF,  
THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

3. BELIEVE MINDEF NOTICE TO SYRIAN FORCES IN LEBANON  
WORTHWILE AND WILL REQUEST IF WE MAY Ssume THAT, ROUTINELY,  
TRIPS TO DAMASCUS WILL BE EACH TUESDAY; RETURN WED-  
NESDAY; AND THAT JAMIL AND ADNAN  
WILL BE DRIVERS AND THAT 104/40 WILL BE USED. FOR ANY VARI-  
ATION, PLEASE GIVE US AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE.

4. DESPITE PREVIOUS INTERIOR MINISTRY ASSERTION THAT PERMITS  
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NOT NECESSARY, IN LIGHT THIS INCIDENT, EMBASSY

NOW PREPARING LETTER TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR FROM CHARGE  
REQUESTING MULTIPLE ENTRY PERMITS FOR MAUKASSA AND TANNIR.  
WILL ADVISE RESULTS WHEN KNOWN. ON INITIAL TRIP, HOWEVER,  
BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE GOOD IDEA FOR DRIVERS TO OBTAIN SYRIAN  
PERMIT IN CHTOURA AS WELL.

5. FOR BAQUET FROM POWELL: 104/18 IN GARAGE FOR BODY WORK  
AND PAINTING. SEABEE HARRIS ARRIVING SEPT. 14 TO CHECK  
OUT VEHICLE MECHANICALLY. DO YOU WISH FOREGO MECHANICLA  
WORK?  
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